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Annotations/programme of work

18 April 2005

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Election of officers

At its organizational session held in 1980, the Committee on Information reached an agreement according to which the principle of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee and they would be elected for two-year terms. At the beginning of the twenty-seventh session, the Committee will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve in their respective capacities during 2005 and 2006.

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3. **Adoption of the agenda and programme of work**

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the outgoing Bureau.

4. **Statement by the Chairman**

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

5. **Admission of new members**

The Committee will consider requests for membership in the Committee on Information.

6. **Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information**

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department and report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolutions 59/126 A and B of 10 December 2004 and 57/300 of 20 December 2002.

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7. **General debate and consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General**[1]

Consideration of this item will include the following reports:

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the continuing reorientation of United Nations activities in the field of public information and communications (A/AC.198/2005/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rationalization of the network of United Nations information centres (A/AC.198/2005/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on new strategic directions in the modernization and integrated management of United Nations libraries (A/AC.198/2005/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Communications Group (A/AC.198/2005/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations web site (A/AC.198/2005/6)

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8. **Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information**

The Secretariat will require a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

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9. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session

Notes

[1] The following wording for the sub-items of the general debate is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979:

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communications order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information;

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communications order;

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications.